Botched execution brings notoriety

Talking points
1. How does John Cole's cartoon tie a 1950s musical to a 2014 execution?
2. What is Bruce Plante saying his fellow Oklahomans should feel?
3. What happened in the botched execution?
4. Are some execution methods really more "humane" than others? Why?
5. How many nations have banned capital punishment? Why did they ban it?
6. Which were the first and last U.S. states to ban the death penalty?

Between the lines
"I really don't care if it's by lethal injection, by the electric chair, firing squad, hanging, the guillotine or being fed to the lions." - Oklahoma Rep. Mike Christian.
http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/in_nations_most_active_death-p.html

Additional resources
More by John Cole
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/ColeJ

More by Bruce Plante
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/PlantB

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